



In a Little While

Mark Altrogge wrote his first song as a teenager when, inspired by the Beatles, he started playing the guitar his parents bought him. He composed his first worship song in 1980. That same year, he joined the staff at what is now Sovereign Grace Church in the town of Indiana, Pennsylvania. Hundreds of songs eventually followed, including "I Stand in Awe" and "I'm Forever Grateful." But Mark's greatest joys, after knowing Jesus Christ, are his wife, Kristi, his five children, and Sovereign Grace Church, where he has been senior pastor since 1982.

Stephen, Mark's oldest son, remembers riding in the car while his dad turned up the music, drummed on the steering wheel, and pointed out guitar solos. It was his dad who gave him his first electric guitar as a reward for six months of practicing. Teenage visions of rock stardom eventually faded, but as his skill and his love for God increased, he joined the church's worship team and started writing songs. Today he and his wife, Jen, are part of the church his dad leads and are expecting their first child. Stephen's goal in songwriting is like Mark's: to combine truths about God with heart-stirring music, to help others worship the living God.



At the Cross

Verse 1

At the cross we see Your mercy Pouring forth in streams of blood At the cross we see compassion Flowing like a crimson flood At the cross we see our Savior And the beauty of His love, at the cross Verse 2

At the cross we find forgiveness Making foul sinners clean At the cross we find Your power Setting captive prisoners free

At the cross we find our Savior Who secured our victory, at the cross Chorus

We must sing Your praise, O God We must sing Your praise, O God We have met Your mercy And seen Your beauty How great Your glory at the cross

Verse 3

At the cross our debt is cancelled Paid in full when Jesus died At the cross our souls are ransomed Purchased with the blood of Christ At the cross our sin is conquered Heaven's gates are opened wide at the cross

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Be Exalted, O God

Verse 1

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You In God whose Word I praise, in God I trust In the shadow of Your wings, I will hide myself Until the furious storms have all passed

Pre-chorus

For You have kept count of all my wanderings Put all my tears into Your bottle

My heart is steadfast, so I will sing Chorus

Be exalted, O God

Above the heavens And over all the earth Be exalted, O God Above the heavens

And over all, over all the earth

Verse 2

Be merciful to me, for You're my only hope My refuge and my strength, I cry aloud I will cry to God Most High, who fulfills His plans for me Your faithfulness extends to the clouds

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All My Days

Verse 1

You hid Your glory from our eyes A man of sorrows, man of suffering Became a servant born to die The Lamb of God, a perfect offering And at the hands of wicked men Your back plowed open by a cruel lash We crowned Your bleeding head with thorns You drank God's foaming cup of holy wrath

Chorus

To You belongs my heart To You belongs my praise To You belongs my love I'll thank You all my days

Verse 2

For a good man someone might die Or give himself to save the righteous But You have shown Your love in this When we were still in sin You died for us Such wondrous love demands my all Such lavish grace is worthy of my life I'll always owe this debt of love I give my heart to You, Lord Jesus Christ

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Whatever My God Ordains Is Right

Dedicated to Beth Altrogge

Verse 1

Whatever my God ordains is right In His love I am abiding I will be still in all He does And follow where He is auiding He is my God, though dark my road He holds me that I shall not fall And so to Him I leave it all

Verse 2

Whatever my God ordains is right He never will deceive me He leads me by the proper path I know He will not leave me I take content, what He has sent His hand can turn my griefs away And patiently I wait His day

Verse 3

Whatever my God ordains is right Here shall my stand be taken Though sorrow, or need, or death be mine Yet I am not forsaken My Father's care circles me there He holds me that I shall not fall And so to Him I leave it all Verse 4*

Whatever my God ordains is right Though now this cup in drinking Bitter it seems to my faint heart I take it all unshrinking My God is true, each morn anew Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart And pain and sorrow shall depart

*Sung in "Whatever My God Ordains Is Right (Reprise)" Original words by Samuel Rodigast, 1676. Translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1863. Music and alternate words by Mark Altrogge © 2007 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI)

Hail the Risen King

Verse 1

You met God's great fury In death You hid Your glory Source of life. You chose to die But death could not keep You Its power could not defeat You You're our King and You're alive

Chorus

Hail the risen King Jesus Hail Him who reigns on high Hail the Conqueror and Victor Hail our God, who lives that death may die Hail the risen King, hail the risen King Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Death's broken, sin's beaten The powers of hell defeated The Father's wrath is satisfied Now Your might and power Give strength for every hour You're at work to change our hearts Verse 3

You're coming, returning, For those whose hearts are vearning For a glimpse of Your face We'll join with all races Our hearts will lift Your praises We will sing of all You've done

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He Is Jesus

Verse 1

There's a treasure great in beauty Far surpassing earth's great wealth He is Jesus, Prince of Glory Source of all grace, peace, and health There's a fountain ever flowing Satisfying all who drink He is Jesus, spring of joy To all who hail Him as their King Verse 2

There's a power, holy power Breaking bonds of captive men He is Jesus, mighty Jesus Holy warrior and sinner's friend There's a Savior rich in mercy Quick to pardon all our sins He is Jesus, great Redeemer Reconciling God and man

Verse 3

There's a glorious Lord returning And all will bow to Him alone He is Jesus, King of nations Reigning from His gracious throne There is one to whom our praises Will through every age ascend He is Jesus, King forever Whose wondrous rule will never end

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In a Little While

Verse 1

In a little while there'll be no more tears In a little while

In a little while pain will disappear

In a little while

Pre-chorus

In a little while the wait will be over In a little while the night will be past

There'll be singing, there'll be dancing and laughter And we'll see the Son at last

Chorus

And we will see Your face with our own eyes We will gaze with our own eyes Full on Your glory, never have to look away And we will see Your face with our own eves We will gaze with our own eyes Full on Your glory, never have to look away In a little while, a little while

Verse 2

In a little while there'll be no more sin

In a little while

In a little while our joy will never end In a little while

These momentary, light afflictions They are storing up for us

A glorious weight we can't imagine Kept in heaven by God for us

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I Will Cast My Cares

Verse 1

Jesus, I'm frail, I'm so very weak My faithfulness fails, my courage will flee But You are my rock, my shelter and shade When I'm burdened down, You'll carry the weight Chorus

So I will cast my cares on You Yes, I will cast my cares on You I will rest within Your arms Knowing I am safe from harm I will cast my cares on You

Verse 2

When I'm overwhelmed and I cannot stand You hear every cry and You lift my head I'm desperate for grace and mercy anew I must have Your strength, Oh I must have You

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All I Really Need

Verse 1

In the darkest hour I must face I'm counting on Your grace to give me all I need Sunless days and cheerless nights will pass And work their work at last to form Your joy in me

For when I am weak I find that You are strong, and

Chorus

All I really need is Your grace All I need to know is You are near me All I need is You All I really need is Your grace

All I need to know is You are for me All I need is You

All I need is You

Verse 2

Some may place their hope in feeble men I can't do that again, for only You are strong I will pray to God who lifts my head To You who came and shed Your blood for all my wrongs

For when I am weak I find that You are strong, and

Verse 3

Lord, I know You hear my every sigh You hear the raven's cry and give the sparrow food

How much more will You provide in love For those You bought with blood and work all things for good

And when I am weak I find that You are strong, and

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Only One Thing

Verse 1

Shut out the world with all its distractions All of its noise and empty attractions And shut me in. Lord To the presence of Your glory

Verse 2

Shut out my cares and all of my worries All of my fears and all of my hurries And shut me in. Lord To the presence of Your glory

Chorus

Only one thing is necessary Only one thing is necessary To sit at Your feet To sit at Your feet And gaze upon Your beauty

Verse 3

Shut out the lie that I can't come near You You bought me with blood and taught me to fear You So shut me in, Lord

To the presence of Your glory

Bridge

For here in Your presence my soul is satisfied Here in Your presence my soul finds all delight Here in Your presence my soul is thirsting for You Yes. I'm thirsting for You

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You'll Provide for Me

Verse 1

O Lord, You care for all the earth
The flowers and the birds
You provide their daily bread
How much more You have cared for me
You met my greatest need
When Christ hung on the tree
So I know that You'll provide for me

Chorus

So God, I trust in You I trust in You, I trust in You In whatever I may face I will trust Your sovereign grace I will always trust in You

Verse 2

O Lord, when all my hopes and plans Are taken from my hands And I cannot see the way I will rest in Your sovereign plan And bless Your gracious hand I know Your promise stands That I'll see Your goodness in this land

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How Great, How Glorious

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Verse 1

Who can compare to You, Lord You are the great High King You are the Holy One Maker of all things We look at the stars in heaven You bring each one out by name Because of Your mighty power Every one remains

Chorus

How great, how glorious
How strong, how awesome
How good, how loving You are
Verse 2

Why should we ever wonder
If we're hidden from Your eyes
You bought us with Your own blood
We can trust in Christ
And we will mount up like eagles
Held by Your mighty grace
Keeping our eyes on Jesus
The author of our faith

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